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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Makoto Suematsu et al.

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PART IN VASCULAR CHANNEL

Examiner: M.S. NOBLE

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OCTOBER 23, 2008 NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

**MS AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 23, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

## FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining	Highest Number	Number Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total	23	- 34* =	0	X	0.00
Independent	1	- 3** =	0	X	0.00
First presentation of Multiple Dependent Claim(s)					0.00
TOTAL					0.00

\*not less than 20      \*\* not less than 3

A response to the October 23, 2008 Non-Final Office Action was due January 23, 2009. Applicants concurrently submit a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time with this Amendment. The fee for a one-month extension of time for a small-entity is SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00), and such fee will be paid concurrently by credit card via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System ("EFS"). With the one-month extension of time, the response to the October 23, 2008 Non-Final Office Action is now due February 23, 2009. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Other than the \$65.00 fee for a Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time, no fee is required for filing this Amendment. However, in the event the actual fee is greater than the payment submitted or is inadvertently not enclosed or if any fee or additional fee during the prosecution of this application is not paid, the Patent Office is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2215, under Order No. K2100.0001.

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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this Amendment is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215, under Order No. K2100.0001.